Food for thought****

TOKYO-AP 8/3/96 Inspectors tracing the source of a recent food poisoning epidemic in Japan have found a deadly bacteria in beef at a slaughterhouse that distributes beef nationwide, according to news reports today.

The E. coli 0157 bacteria has killed seven people and sickened more than 9,000. Investigators are examining the bacteria to see if it is the same batch that caused the outbreak.

TOKYO-AP 8/8/96 Supermarkets pulled radish sprouts off the shelves after the government said they caused a food poisoning outbreak. The sprouts became suspect after an investigation eliminated most other items from school menus. However no traces of the bacteria were found in sprouts from the cafeteria or at a grower that provided them to schools.

TOKYO-AP 8/16/96 Japanese Health Minister made a lunch of radish sprouts in defense of the vegetable wrongly accused of causing a fatal food poisoning epidemic. Yesterday the Health Ministry gave the sprouts a clean bill of health after tests on the vegetable for traces of the 0157 strain of the E. coli bacteria.

NO DEFENSE OF THE MEAT HAS BEEN MADE!

VSH SEEKS OFFICE SPACE

Message from VSH President Ruth Heidrich

VSH has enjoyed phenomenal growth over the last few years. We now have well over 800 members and are the largest local vegetarian society in the United States. This is great, but it has required some changes. We Save had to hire a part-time bookkeeper to keep up with the heavy volume of mail. Another change will be a move to a REAL office. Since our inception, we've operated out of a spare bedroom in the Elaine French and Jerry Smith home. They have been very tolerant of this arrangement, however it's time for us to give them back their space. We need a more central location for easier access to information and assistance. We're looking for office space of at least 200-500 s.f. and have budgeted $300 a month for rent and utilities. If any of you know of anything that meets these requirements, contact Marcia Deutch? 988-5000.

see MESSAGE page 2

THANKSGIVING FETE SET

The Vegetarian Society of Hawai'i Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 PM in the McCoy Pavilion, located near the tennis courts in Ala Moana Beach Park.

Experience the ambiance and culinary expertise of Madana Peatross. This totally vegan buffet will have the following approximate menu:

* Vegetable Chowder, Salad, Tofu Turkey Loaf with stuffing, Vegetarian Curry, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry

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These added expenses cannot be covered by our current income. To remedy this, The board of Directors has authorized an increase in membership dues effective January 1997. Individual dues will be raised to $20, Family $30, and Students $12. Membership in VSH is more valuable than ever as more restaurants and other businesses offer discounts to our members. This will be our first dues in crease in five years, and it will put us in line with what many mainland groups charge for membership. An added bonus you can lock in the current low rate for renewing now for up to five years.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on donations for our survival. We encourage all members who are able to support us with donations to do so. It costs money to rent the Ala Wai clubhouse for our meetings, but thanks to Roger Taylor, we have an attractive donation box available on the book table at each meeting. There is also a place on your membership renewal form for you to add a donation when you pay dues. Another excellent opportunity to help us comes with the annual Aloha United Way campaign. You may designate the VSH as the recipient of part or all of your AUW donation, and AUW will forward the donation to us. All donations to VSH are tax deductible. We also now have an official “fund raiser.” Kimo Sutton has accepted an offer to hold that position, and Jim Hawkins has taken the job of being our newsletter editor.

Thank you, guys! These are really important jobs.

The beef and dairy industries are never begging for money, and, in fact, get our tax dollars in the form of subsidies and write-offs for advertising, which they do heavily. They spend millions peddling their dubious products. For us to counteract their nonsense and exert a healthy influence on this community, we need a team of committed, informed, and generous members. Thank you for your support.

Ruth Heidrich.

Please take special note of the following:

Our Central Oahu Branch of the VSH badly needs help. A small dedicated cadre has been trying to carry the load by themselves. If anyone is willing to act as Meeting Planner, please contact Virginia Johnson, 623-9972 or Ruth Heidrich, 536-4006.

Nancy Hammer is looking for some help in establishing a vegetarian option for the Hawaiian Language Immersion camp on Molokai. She needs some support in encouraging them to try this for next year.

See POSITIONS page 3
**VISIT BY NUTRITION CONSULTANT**

Negotiations are proceeding for nationally renowned nutrition consultant Jennifer Raymond, M.S. and EarthSave’s Healthy School Lunch Co-ordinator Susan Campbell to visit Hawaii this school year to work with the State Department of Education and possibly other schools in Hawaii helping to plan healthier menus. Raymond would offer extensive experience training school Food Service Managers in the use of a new computer data base to analyze meals (a new U.S. Agriculture Department requirement) and planning meals around nutritional content. Schools will also be required to meet new standards on how much fat or saturated fats, etc. will be allowed in meals. Raymond will be able to show food service managers how easy this can be accomplished with a low-fat, plant-based menu. She would teach managers to prepare these healthier meals and to taste-test them in their own school’s cafeteria. This would go hand-in-hand with classroom education and student/parent/staff nutrition workshops conducted by Raymond. School meal options have been found to be most successful if accompanied by education about the vital health and environmental issues involved. Hopefully arrangements can be made to have the Y.E.S. Tour (Youth for Environmental Sanity) provide an exciting finale.

While Susan Campbell’s work is funded by EarthSave, the successful health environment-focused non-profit organization, which is her employer, Raymond would work under a contract with the D.O.E. However since the D.O.E. School Lunch Manager, Eugene Kaneshiro, has experienced cuts in his budget and at this time we have only potential sources of supplemental funding for this program, we need to seek funds to bring Raymond here. If you know of anyone who has private or public monies for community beneficial projects, please call Cheryl Chung at 235-5132 or Mary Arakaki at 488-1505. These educational ventures could have far-reaching results for the children and families of Hawaii and the physical Earth we call home.

We also want you to know about an excellent opportunity for teachers to obtain FREE copies of an excellent elementary school nutrition curriculum, Healthy Children, Healthy Planet, made available from EarthSave only if the teachers call order them by 9/30/96. After that date the cost will be $9.95 ($8.85 for EarthSave members). To order call (800) 362-3648. This is not the curriculum Raymond will give free to teachers for follow-up after her sessions, but it provides a major step toward helping students and staff understand, starting where they are now and based on the Food Pyramid Guide promoted to teachers, about the vital relationship between nutrition, health and the environment.

**Aloha, Cheryl Chung, VSH School Lunch Coordinator**

The Board position of Membership Secretary is also available now. This volunteer position involves some computer work, especially around the time of the newsletter deadline. The Membership Secretary deletes expired members from the computer, then prints the newsletter labels for the Editor. He/she also records information from membership questionnaires in the computer, and prepares the quarterly Member’s directory. He/she ensures that we have enough new member packets and renewal packets for the Bookkeeper to use. This is a good job for a detail-oriented person, and one of the best perks of working in the office is the chance to read newsletters from all the other vegetarian societies!

**Wish List For New Office**

Do you think that Santa could visit us early this year? We certainly need an office. Our co-founders, Elaine French and Jerry Smith have been very hospitable to us, and we now occupy about 150 sq. ft. in their home. After six years, we have outgrown our space; it is time for us to move out! If you happen to see an office that is available, please let us know.

When we move, there are other things that we will need: typewriter FAX machine copy machine vacuum cleaner bookcase large free standing storage shelves pole lamp office desk and desk chair fan IBM compatible computer folding chairs folding table a row of office “mailboxes” to hang on the wall.

All items must be in clean, working condition. Because we are a non-profit organization, your donations are tax deductible, and we will be happy to give you a receipt. If you have any of these items that you would like to contribute, please leave a message on our hot line 395-1499.

**Marcia Deutch Office Manager**
HONOLULU HERBIVORE HAPPENZNGS

Calendar of meetings and Special Events for the Fall quarter 1996

September 9th, Monday: Please join us for a free lecture at our monthly meeting at 7:00 PM Ala Wai Golf Course Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility (2nd floor), 404 Kapahulu Ave (.2 mile behind the Kapahulu Library). VSH Board members will prepare some of their favorite dishes in a you-won’t-want-to-miss cooking demonstration.

September 17th, Tuesday Join us at 6:00 PM at Gauranga’s, 51 Coelho Way (Krishna Temple, Nuuanu) for an all vegetarian buffet for our first dineout of the new quarter. Parking on the grounds. Call Roger 672-4207 to make reservations.

September 26th, Thursday Join us at 6:00 PM at Payao’s Thai Cuisine at Restaurant Row for our second dineout in September. See the restaurant review in a separate article. Parking free after 5 PM. Call Roger 672-4207 to make reservations.

October 9th, Wednesday Join us at 6:00 PM at the India Bazaar 2320 S. King St. (Moiliili). This is an inexpensive plate lunch restaurant serving Indian cuisine. Some parking in the shopping center, other street parking nearby. Call Roger 672-4207 to make reservations.

October 14th, Monday: Please join us for a free lecture at our monthly meeting at 7:00 PM Ala Wai Golf Course Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility (2nd floor), 404 Kapahulu Ave (.2 mile behind the Kapahulu Library). William Harris M.D., one of our most popular speakers, a vegetarian for forty-six years and author of The Scientific Basis of Vegetarianism, will discuss ‘Various Errors in Nutritional Advice: Theirs Versus Ours.’ Illustrated with the author’s slides.

October 20th, Sunday Join us at 6:00 PM at Indigo’s 1121 Nuuanu Ave Downtown. This is an upscale restaurant and they will be making a special menu item for us so make sure you call (672-4207) me ahead of time so I can get a pretty close count of how many people are coming. Public parking at the China Town Gateway on Bethel between King and Hotel Streets.

November 4th, Monday Join us at 5:45 PM at the Kitchen Garden (near the Bar) in the Makai Market Place at the Ala Moana Shopping center. There are other places to check out here including the La Rotisserie. These are all fast food places so we will have enough time to eat and go to our meeting at the Ala Wai. No need to make reservations this time, just show up.

November 4th, Monday: Please join us for a free lecture at our monthly meeting at 7:00 PM, Ala Wai Golf Course Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility (2nd floor), 404 Kapahulu Ave (.2 mile behind the Kapahulu Library). Note that this meeting is on the first Monday of the month, rather than the usual second Monday. Cathy Goeggel of Animal Rights Hawaii will speak on From Compassion to Activism. Cathy will give tips on compassionate consumerism and how to turn one’s ethical vegetarianism into activism for animals. There will also be a short video. Let’s all show our support for both the animals plight and our kindred organization, Animal Rights Hawaii, by attending this important meeting.

November 27th, Wednesday Join us at the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach park near the tennis courts for our annual Thanksgiving Feast. Food starts at 6:30 PM but we have the pavilion from 3 PM so you can get in some swimming or sunbathing if you so are inclined. We will also need some help with the set up and clean up. This event requires you to mail your checks in ahead of time. See our separate article on page one. For info call Kimo Sutton 373-3314 or Roger Taylor 672-4207.

Related Event of Special Interest:

September 15th, Sunday, 2 pm Castle Center for Health Promotion is sponsoring Vegetarian Cuisine... Windward Style. Drew Breen and John Akana will be demonstrating “make-a-meal” vegetarian soups and chili, along with salad and bread ideas to help you pull together filling and delicious meals. Recipes and samples provided. 46-001 Kamehameha Hwy. Suite 104, Kaneohe. Cost: $10 per person. Call 235-8737 for reservations and

LOW-FAT COOKING CLASSES

Masa and Harriet Yafuso will be beginning a new series of low-fat Vegan cooking classes beginning on September 8th and running through October 27th at the Diamond Head Seventh-Day Adventist Church at 828 18th Avenue in Honolulu from 2:00-4:00 pm. Classes are FREE but please make reservations by calling 247-5779.
**Member Profile**

*New VSH Board Candidate and Newsletter Editor: Jim Hawkins*

“It’s not only a health issue, it has also become a moral issue for me as well,” says Jim, who was ‘recruited’ by Dawn Bardusch as a vegetarian, as well as more recently to become the newsletter editor. “Dawn’s encouragement and her ‘sharing ’ of vegetarian leftovers helped me break the fast food/meat habit. And then the materials I read helped me realize that vegetarianism stands on strong moral and ecological ground, too. Physically my energy levels increased markedly within two weeks of the change in diet and I’ve lost about 30 pounds in about nine months, without any appreciable difference in how much I eat, only just in what I eat. And since I have never enjoyed or felt comfortable hunting, the advocacy for animal rights and the ethical treatment of animals has struck a responsive chord in me, giving a stronger base for the change.”

Jim now works as a Scuba Diving instructor, after coming here to Hawaii just over three years ago on vacation and deciding not to go back to another brutal winter in northern Wisconsin. He believes his endurance has improved and enjoys an increased sense of well-being. “We need to show to others by gentle and good-humored example, like Dawn did with me, our belief that vegetarianism is valid and valuable.”

Being born in the Dairy belt, Jim still has a craving for cheese on his Pizza, however suppressing that is his next goal. “I was a full on meat and dairy consumer, and have had to take this in two steps.” He’s confident he’ll succeed.

*Special editors note: We welcome all manner of written submissions for the newsletter. Letters to the Editor; articles of interest to our membership; notices of events, meetings and classes of interest to our membership will all be considered as space permits.*

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**VSH Leadership Positions**

**A. Board of Directors**

- **President:** Ruth Heidrich, Ph.D.
- **Vice President:** Jackye Winter, W.S.W.
- **Recording Secretary:** Dawn Seto-Abe
- **Treasurer:** Michelle Cyr
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Dawn Bardusch
- **Merchandise Manager:** Jerry Smith
- **Meeting Planner:** Robert Moses
- **Office Manager:** Marcia Deutch
- **Publicity Director:** Carol Gronseth
- **Social Director:** Roger Taylor
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Nancy Thomas
- **Fund Raiser:** Warner (Kimo) Sutton

**B. Board Candidate**

Jim Hawkins

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**Students say no to vegetables in school lunches**

WASHINGTON-The government has figured out why Johnny doesn’t eat. He’s too busy talking, and he doesn’t like the food.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of congress, surveyed school cafeteria managers during the past year to find out why kids throw away their federally subsidized food.

The number one reason: Their attention is “on recess, free time or socializing”, the cafeteria managers said. The second likely cause, according to the survey, was that students don’t like the food.

And guess what food they’re most likely to toss out?

By a wide margin, it’s cooked vegetables. Based on the managers responses, the GAO estimated that 42 percent of the cooked vegetables are thrown away.

Next most likely to go in the garbage: raw vegetables, then fresh fruits, then canned fruit. Bread and milk are the least likely; 11 percent of the milk is thrown away, the GAO estimated.

There is little dispute among cafeteria managers about how to get children to eat what’s on their plate: Let them pick what they want.

*editor’s note: We have a lot of work to do! If this causes you concern (and it should) then contact Cheryl Chung, our school lunch coordinator and see what you can do to help educate against the propaganda of the Meat and Dairy industry and to develop healthy and TASTY menus.*
Restaurant Review

By Roger Taylor

PAYAO Thai Cuisine Restaurant
Row 500 Ala Moana Blvd. #1E
Honolulu, Hi 96813 (Close to Row Bar)

This new restaurant, managed by Art Srivongsana, has 25 items on the vegetarian section of their menu. Right off the bat I asked if they used fish sauce in any of their dishes and the reply was “We don’t use fish sauce for our vegetarian entrees and we use only a tiny bit of oil.” I ordered their mixed vegetables with garlic (Kari Pak) and a bowl of brown rice. I was served in a timely way, the fresh veggies (carrots, bok choy, celery, green beans, onions, ginger, garlic, and basil) were not over cooked (dish also included canned water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, baby corn and mushrooms), and the sauce was more like a broth than a stir fry. I enjoyed eating outside SC "I should people watch as I ate my lunch. All their vegetarian entrees are under $6.50 with most of them billed at $5.95. They have a lunch special for $7.95 that includes soup or appetizer, entree, and rice. After my meal I engaged the owner in conversation, asked about a discount for members of VSH and he agreed to a 5% discount for card carrying members. Our thursday, September 26th dineout will be at this location.

Thoughts of Food

The following recipes are excerpted from Fat Free & Easy by Jennifer Raymond. This excellent cookbook and others like it are available from the Vegetarian Society “Bookstore” via mail order (see page 8 of this issue) or by direct sale at our monthly meetings. Try these...we know you’ll like them.

Simply Wonderful Vegetable Stew

Serves 6 to 8

This delicious stew contains relatively few ingredients and is quick to prepare. Serve it with a fresh green salad and crusty French bread.

1 1/2 cups water
2 medium onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
1 large green bell pepper, seeded and diced
6 medium red potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon oregano
1 teaspoon mixed Italian herbs
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-2 cups green peas, fresh or frozen

Heat 1/2 cup of the water in a large pot and cook the onions and garlic until the onion is soft, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes, bell pepper, potatoes, remaining water and seasonings. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are just tender, about 20 minutes. Add extra water if necessary to prevent sticking. Stir in peas and continue cooking until heated through.

Nutrition information per serving: 156 calories (2% from fat); 5g protein; 33g carbohydrates; 0.3g of fat; 250mg sodium; 53mg calcium

Strawberry Smoothie

Serves 2

The secret to making a good smoothie is using frozen fruit, to make it really thick and cold. Try this cold thick smoothie with whole grain cereal or muffins for a delicious and satisfying breakfast. You can buy frozen strawberries or freeze your own in an airtight container. To freeze bananas, peel them and break them into inch-long pieces. Pack them loosely in an airtight container and freeze. Bananas will keep in the freezer for about two months, strawberries for six months.

1 cup frozen strawberries 1 large frozen banana, cut into 1-inch pieces 1/2-1 cup unsweetened apple juice

Place all ingredients into the blender and process on high speed until smooth. You may have to stop blender occasionally and move the unblended fruit to the center with a spatula in order to get the smoothie smooth! Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 97 calories (3% from fat); 1g protein; 22g carbohydrate; 0.3g fat; 5mg sodium; 17mg calcium.
Vegetarian Society of Honolulu
Proposed Changes to the Bylaws
September 1, 1996

In order to save the expense of a separate mailing, VSH is using this page of your newsletter as a ballot to present two proposed changes in our bylaws. The first proposal would change our name to “Vegetarian Society of Hawaii”. Although we have no concrete plans for outer island branches at this time, we want to have an appropriate name when and if expansion occurs. The second proposal would remove the restriction that the Board contain no more than 18 members. As we grow, we may need to create new Board positions to cover new areas of responsibility. All Board positions are currently filled by volunteers.

It is a requirement of our bylaws that only vegetarian members be allowed to vote. Since all members receive the newsletter, associate members should disregard the ballot. Family memberships may place one “X” on the ballot for each adult vegetarian member voting. The number of eligible voters according to our records is located at the top of your address label as “1V”, “2V”, etc. Please leave your address label on the back of the ballot, as it enables us to verify the number of votes which your ballot may contain.

PLEASE RETURN BALLOT BY SEPTEMBER 20, 1996

Proposal #1: Shall Article I of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Article I. Name.
The name of this society shall be “Vegetarian Society of Hawaii”. The Society shall abide by the international definition of vegetarianism, namely, “Vegetarianism is the practice of living without the use of meat, fish, or fowl, with or without the addition of eggs and dairy products.”

YES ______ NO ______

Proposal #2: Shall Article IV number 1 of the bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Article IV. Board of Directors.
The Board of Directors shall consist of a specified number of voting members, including at least the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board will determine how many Board members are needed at any given time, and the Board may create other officer positions as it sees fit.

YES ____________ NO ____________

Please enclose your ballot in an envelope and mail to: VSH
P.O. Box 25233
Honolulu, HI 96825
### VSH Bookstore Items

#### BOOKS AND TAPES:
- **The (Almost) No Fat Cookbook** by Bryanna Clark Grogan: $12.95
- **A Basic Course in Veg. Vegan Nutrition** by George Eisman, R.D.: $22.00
- **Cook Healthy Fast Cookbook** by Dick Allgire: $10.00
- **Diet for a New America** by John Robbins: $13.95
- **Diet for a New America Video**: $19.95
- **Fabulous Beans** by Barb Bloomfield: $9.95
- **Fat Free & Easy** by Jennifer Raymond: $10.00
- **Healthy Heart Handbook** by Neal Pinckney, Ph.D.: $15.95
- **Live Longer, Live Better (cassette)** by Neal Barnard, M.D.: $9.95
- **MegaHealth** by Marc Sorenson, Ed.D.: $23.95
- **New McDougall Cookbook** by John & Mary McDougall: $24.00
- **The Peaceful Palate** by Jennifer Raymond: $15.00
- **Pregnancy, Children and the Vegan Diet** by Michael Klaper, M.D.: $9.95
- **The Race for Life Cookbook** by Ruth Heidrich, Ph.D.: $9.95
- **The Scientific Basis of Vegetarianism** by William Harris, M.D.: $15.95
- **The Uncheese Cookbook** by Joanne Stepaniak: $11.95
- **'SH Dining Guide** (send SASE): **FREE**
- **Why Do Vegetarians Eat Like That?** by David A. Gabbe: $11.95

#### THE VSH T-SHIRT

- **(VSH Member)**: $15.60
- **'I Speak Vegetarian' T-shirt**: $15.60

*Sizes run large. Prices include HI excise tax.*

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